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COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds to expand opportunities for community and neighborhood partnerships through the Community Services Block Grant program, after receiving testimony from Don Sykes, Director, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, Department

of Health and Human Services; Evelyn Harris, New York State Division of Community Services, Albany; Gloria Clark, City of Los Angeles Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services, Los Angeles, California; E. Phillip McKain, CTE Inc., Stamford, Connecticut; Jerry Rickett, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, London, Kentucky; Robert L. Woodson, Sr., National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, and Tyrone C. Parker, Alliance of Concerned Men, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert E. Friedman, Corporation for Enterprise Development, San Francisco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider certain intelligence matters, but made no announcements, and will meet again tomorrow.

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Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3789–3797, and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 271, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1021, to provide for a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands within the Routt National Forest in the State of Colorado. (H. Rept. 105–506);

H. Res. 419, providing for consideration of H.R. 1972, amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to promote competition and privatization in satellite communications (H. Rept. 105–507);

H.R. 3694, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 105–508).

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Speaker pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Richard Lothian, III of Somerset, New Jersey.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:07 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Madrid Protocol Implementation Act: H.R. 567, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions;

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American Terrorism Victims: H. Con. Res. 220, amended, regarding American victims of terrorism (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 125); and

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Use of Illegal Drugs: H. Res. 267, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the citizens of the United States must remain committed to combat the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs by the Nation's youth (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 126).

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:23 p.m. and reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

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Higher Education Amendments of 1998: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 6 to extend the authorization of programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965. The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to the bill on Wednesday, April 29.

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Agreed To:

The McGovern amendment that establishes a program to increase the Pell grant awards (agreed to by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 187 noes, Roll No. 124).

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Rejected:

The Paul amendment, debated on April 29, that sought to prohibit the use of social security numbers as the electronic personal identifier for students receiving assistance (rejected by a recorded vote of 112 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 122); and

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The Owens amendment, debated on April 29, that sought to establish a postsecondary information technology recruitment program (rejected by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 123).

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Vacate Proceedings:

Agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the April 29 request for a recorded vote on the Roemer amendment that sought to increase the annual loan limit for unsubsidized Stafford loans and further vacate in its entirety the proceedings by which the Committee considered and adopted that amendment by voice vote.

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Order of business:

Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on amendment numbered 73, printed in the Congressional Record, and all amendments thereto, be limited to two hours, equally divided and controlled by Representative Riggs or his designee and Representative Clay or his designee.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency Re Sudan: Message wherein he transmits his report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan—referred to International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–247);

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Pemigewasset River in New Hampshire: Message wherein he transmits his report on the Pemigewasset River in New Hampshire—referred to the Committee on Resources; and

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State of Small Business: Message wherein he transmits his annual report on the state of small business—referred to the Committee on Small Business.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2814–17.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2767–68, H2769–70, H2770–71, H2771–72 and H2772. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on H.R. 3248, Dollars to the Classroom Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Hutchinson of Arkansas; Representatives Pitts, Tierney and DeLauro; Linda Schrenko, Superintendent to Schools, State of Georgia; Frank Brogan, Commissioner of Education, State of Florida; Robert Bartman, Commissioner of Education, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS: REVISITING THE 1990 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on 2000 Census: Revisiting the 1990 Census. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sawyer and Petri; Kenneth Darga, Demographer, Department of Management and Budget, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

RWANDA: GENOCIDE AND THE CONTINUING CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Rwanda: Genocide and the Continuing Cycle of Violence. Testimony was heard from Richard McCall, Chief of Staff, AID, U.S. International Development Agency; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Procurement met in executive session and approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

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COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act of 1997. The rule makes in order